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**Committee Bill No. 5617**

LCO No. 3022



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 There shall continue to be a Board of Trustees for The University of  
4 Connecticut to consist of twenty-one persons, twelve to be appointed  
5 by the Governor, who shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and  
6 ethnic diversity; two to be elected by the university alumni; two to be  
7 elected by the students enrolled at the institutions under the  
8 jurisdiction of said board; and five members ex officio. On or before  
9 July 1, 1983, the Governor shall appoint members to the board as  
10 follows: Four members for a term of two years from said date; four  
11 members for a term of four years from said date; and four members for  
12 a term of six years from said date. Thereafter, the Governor shall  
13 appoint trustees of said university to succeed those appointees whose  
14 terms expire, and each trustee so appointed shall hold office for a  
15 period of six years from the first day of July in the year of his or her

16 appointment, provided two of the trustees appointed for terms  
17 commencing July 1, 1995, and their successors shall be alumni of the  
18 university, one of the trustees appointed for a term commencing July 1,  
19 1997, and his or her successors shall be such alumni and one of the  
20 members appointed for a term commencing July 1, 1999, and his or her  
21 successors shall be such alumni. The Commissioner of Agriculture, the  
22 Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Economic and  
23 Community Development and the chairperson of The University of  
24 Connecticut Health Center Board of Directors shall be, ex officio,  
25 members of the board of trustees. The Governor shall be, ex officio,  
26 president of said board. The graduates of all of the schools and  
27 colleges of said university shall, prior to September first in the odd-  
28 numbered years, elect one trustee, who shall be a graduate of the  
29 institution and who shall hold office for four years from the first day of  
30 September succeeding his or her election. Not less than two or more  
31 than four nominations for each such election shall be made by the  
32 alumni association of said university, provided no person who has  
33 served as an alumni trustee for the two full consecutive terms  
34 immediately prior to the term for which such election is to be held  
35 shall be nominated for any such election. Such election shall be  
36 conducted by mail prior to September first under the supervision of a  
37 canvassing board consisting of three members, one appointed by the  
38 board of trustees, one by the board of directors of the alumni  
39 association of the university and one by the president of the university.  
40 No ballot in such election shall be opened until the date by which  
41 ballots must be returned to the canvassing board. In such election, all  
42 graduates shall be entitled to vote by signed ballots which have been  
43 circulated to them by mail and which shall be returned by mail.  
44 Vacancies occurring by death or resignation of either of such alumni  
45 trustees shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by special  
46 election, if such unexpired term is for more than eighteen months.  
47 When the unexpired term is eighteen months or less, such vacancy  
48 shall be filled by appointment by the board of directors of said alumni  
49 association. On or before November 1, 1975, the students of The

50 University of Connecticut shall, in such manner as the board of  
 51 trustees of said university shall determine, elect two trustees, each of  
 52 whom shall be enrolled as a full-time student of said university at the  
 53 time of his or her election. One such member shall be elected for a term  
 54 of one year from November 1, 1975, and one for a term of two years  
 55 from said date. Prior to July first, annually, such students shall, in  
 56 accordance with this section and in such manner as the board shall  
 57 determine, elect one member of said board, who shall be so enrolled at  
 58 said university at the time of his or her election and for the duration of  
 59 his or her term of service and who shall serve for a term of two years  
 60 from July first in the year of his or her election, provided such student  
 61 member remains enrolled at said university. The student member  
 62 elected to fill the term expiring on June 30, 2003, and such elected  
 63 member's successors, shall be enrolled at the time of his or her election  
 64 and for the duration of his or her term of service as a full-time  
 65 undergraduate [students] student at a school or college of the  
 66 university and shall be elected by the undergraduate students of the  
 67 schools and colleges of the university. The student member elected to  
 68 fill the term expiring on June 30, 2004, and such elected member's  
 69 successors, shall be enrolled at the time of his or her election and for  
 70 the duration of his or her term of service as a full-time student in the  
 71 School of Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the  
 72 School of Social Work, or as a graduate student of a school or college of  
 73 the university, and shall be elected by the students of the School of  
 74 Law, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of  
 75 Social Work and the graduate students of the schools and colleges of  
 76 the university. Any vacancies in the elected membership of said board  
 77 shall, except as otherwise provided in this section, be filled by special  
 78 election for the balance of the unexpired term.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2013	10a-103
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure undergraduate and graduate student representation on the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

Co-Sponsors: REP. HADDAD, 54th Dist.

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